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## PATTI THE MATCHLESS HAD WONDERFUL CAREER AS SINGER

Name of Patti Will Live Long in Musical History-Her High Rank Due to Unique Combination of Voice, Technique and Taste

By W. J. HENDERSON.

HE younger generations of opera-goers will probably smile at the grave faces of their fathers and grandfathers who say in hushed accents, "So Patti is dead." The children little realize what the massing of a Patti means to the fathers. If the morning prints suddenly announced the last hour of Geraldine Farrar, they would perceive a distinct personal relation and a ground for genuine sorrow. But Pattl is to them nothing but a name enshrined in ancient history.

Without doubt most young enthusiasts find themselves secretly convinced that this much praised Patti was not quite as good a singer as their own adored Galli-Curci. Nor will they be moved by the testimony of those who have heard both. Others who remember Melba in her prime will be equally certain that she was greater than Patti, while still others will say: "They may talk as they please about the Divine Adelina, but I am sure she was never as fine as Sembrich."

All of which is as old as art and even older. It is as old as human-When Albert Niemann declared it to be his belief that Patti was the greatest singer that ever lived he was doing just what these others do. That which was present before him obscured all else. He had heard Patti. He never heard Agujari or Catalani. He had only read about them.

traordinary voices, but the former had

"Doubtless Patti's greatest rival in facility and elegance was Jenny Lind

but Path's voice was more extensive

more rich and more thoroughly equal

ized. Mme. Patti executed all the daz-

zling cadenzas of her roles with consummate ease, exquisite taste and a

perfect quality of tone. She sany

sentimental numbers, such as 'Ah. fors e lui' in 'Traviata,' faultlessly

Her Zerina in 'Don Glovanni,' Rosine

in 'Il Barbiere' and Martha in Flotow's

opera will doubtless remain the mod-els of vocal ease, abandon and spon-

of elegant and vivacious comedy in

In the same article the writer ex-

pressed regret that the famous so-

prano was one of the last representa-tives of a school of singing that was

slowly dying out. Fortunately there have been some indications in recent

years that pure singing, as distin-

guished from 30 called "interpretation

without the foundations of technic, is

still regarded as worth while. The adulation of Mme Tetrazzini and Mme.

Galli-Curci shows that the public is

It is true that lack of perfect ex-

amples has permitted a depreciation in public taste and that much very

bad singing is now mistaken for art; but let half a dozen real singers ap-pear above the horizon and all this

will quickly be changed. It is no new

mistaken for the nobleman till the

natural voices and applaud raptur-

ously. The cure for this is in the

CONCERTS, RECITALS, NOTES OF

MUSIC.

still ready to enthrone the singer.

the domain of opera."

Yet when a singer passes away it is | for November, 1997, the present writer natural that even the younger opera-lovers should say in the classic speech "Agujari and Catalani had more exof their time, "Was she so very wonderful?" And then the prosy old historian is forced to ask, "What do you understand by wonderful?"

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Perhaps after all it is the correct word, for let it once be accepted that a singer is a supreme exponent of florid music and all that the world asks of her is that she astonish it. Patti's "Home, Sweet Home," was very pretty and so was her "Suanee Ribber," but as a matter of fact Christine Nilsson sang both with far more tenderness, while in the voice of Etelka Gerster there was a note of feeling which excelled Patti's in some of her best roles, such as Violetta, Amina and Lucia.
On the other hand Ilma di Murska could perform feats of agility which

Why was Pattl ranked so high, then? Because of her unique els of vocal ease, abandon and spon-combination of voice, technic and taneity, and the highest embodiments Of course Patti was a colorature singer because she could sing colorature roles such as Rosina, Lucia and Semiramide, incomparably. Her

Patti would never have ventured to

Martha was bewitching. But she shone with equal splendor in the role of Violetta in "La Traviata," a role comnonly classed as colorature, whereas it ceases to be such after its first Yet there lies the pit into which many an aspiring young singer has heavily, indeed fatally, fallen. But the role has its charm for singers. Christine Nilsson selected it

for her Parisian debut, yet she is remembered better as Mignon and even Lillian Nordica began with it and never abandoned it even after she had become a Brunnhilde and Isolde: Lilli Lehmann took it to heart early in her career. In the summer of 1907 the writer called on the great singer at her home just outside of Berlin. He inquired whether she would pass the

Donna Anna according to Mr. Scotti as no other living woman could. But to return to Violetta. The vocal tests of the role are "Ah, fors e lui" and "Sempre libera," which are the comact two, the finale of the ballroom scene, and in the last scene "Addio del passato" and the duet "Parigi, O cara." Of these only "Semple libera" demands mastery of colorature. The others are essentially lyric and ask for a perfect cantilena and the ability to express a tender if not profound pathos. That the pathos became heart moving when Sembrich sang the role was due to the supreme musiclanship of the artist and to the pecuclanship of the artist and to the pecu-ilar qualities of that voice which Yet people go to the opera and listen could so thrill in Schumann's cycle, to just such treatment of beautiful Woman's Life and Love."

Patti's name will stand on 'the pages of musical history as that of a power of the singers. Let them sing. singer in whom luscious beauty of if not as well as Patti, as near to it voice, admirable facility in fiorid as they can music and exquisite, ravishing beauty in pure cantilena were happily united. Without this union she would not have been the matchless Patti. Who The world has its madness about them while they last, but only the truly great singers earn the somewhat doubtful immortality of history. People have gone exceeding daft over hamaekers, one of the wonders of Paris opera from 1857 to 1870, surpassed her in some of her own specialities.

It is recorded by historians that Bernardine sans a trill in "Caro nome" lasting one minute by the watch. But Bernardine had attractions beyond her

The opening concerts of the New Symphony Orchestra, Artur Bodanzky conductor, will take place in Carnegle Hall on Thursday evening and Friday afternoon of this week. Mr. Bodanzky has chosen the Beethoven Fifth Symphony as the chief work of the programme follows: Prelude for organ on "Out of the Deep I Call to Thee," as arranged by himself. The complete programme follows: Prelude for organ on "Out of the Deep I Call to Thee," arranged for flutes, obees, hassoons, trombones and strings by Artur Bodanzky, Bach; "A Pagan Poem," C. M. Loeffer; a "Faust" overture, Wagner, and Symphony No. 5,

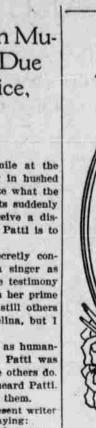
Bernardine had attractions beyond her overture, Wagner, and Symphony trill. Dukes bought her diamonds and Beethoven. nobles built her palaces. She was

was the best exponent of that role the present writer ever heard. Also she sang Ophelia in Ambroise Thomas's are among the violinists, will the roster of planists includes Rachmaninoff, Grainging brilliancy. Yet she is best remembered as Carmen and Santusza.

Moiselwitsch, who makes his American

Patti's farme will undoubtedly rest largely on the technical perfection of her singing. There have been very many famous colorature sopranos beginning with Vittoria Archilet, the Euridice in Peri's opera of that name, in 1800. There were also Francesca Cascini, Leonova Baroni, the Luili Cascini, Leonova Baroni, the Luili accini, Leonora Baroni, the Lulli has been so arranged for the Thursday ris, and later Cuzzoni and Faustina. Friday, Saturday and Sunday series o girls, and later Cuzzoni and Faustina. But we have pretty accurate accounts of their vocal feats, their cantilens. their cadenass and their shortcomings. By a process of careful comings. ings. By a process of careful comparison we are forced to believe that Bernardo Okhansky, barytone, late of Patti possessed most of their merits and almost none of their faults.

In an article in Munsey's Magazine in Acollan Hall Tuesday eyening. He Boxes \$1.5. Box Office Patti Posses \$1.5. Box Office Patti



emission of tones. Malibran, the great daughter of Manuel Garcia, had a style which was marred by questionabl taste in ornament."

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TUESDAY—Bernard Olshansky, song recital, Aeolian Hall, 8:15 P. M.

THURSDAY—New Symphony Orchestra, Carnegie Hall, 8:30 P. M.

FRIDAY—Richard Buhlig, pianist, Aeolian Hall, 8:15 P. M.

SATURDAY—Max Rosen, violinist, Carnegie Hall, 3 P. M. Samuel

Gardner, violinist, Aeolian Hall, 3:15 P. M. Magdele Brard,

pianist, Aeolian Hall, 8:15 P. M.

Kiss" will all be sung for the first time

Samuel Gardner's first recital of the Samuel Gardner's first recital of the season will take place at Acollan Hall nexxt Saturday afternoon at 3:15 is unnecessary to go abroad in search o'clock. Mr. Gardner will include in his of talent. The list thus far given out programme two of his own compositions. He will feature the Bruch D minor con Homer, Geraldine Farrar, Emma Eames, Carone Company of the control of the control of talent. The list thus far given out is as follows: Mary Garden, Louise Homer, Geraldine Farrar, Emma Eames, Carone C

the New York Symphony Orchestra and the opening concert in Carnegie Hall on Thursday afternoon, November 6, Among the interesting novelties already an-nounced by Mr. Damrosch is the Third Symphony of Vincent d'Indy, composed during 1915-17-18 and bearing the ap-propriate subtitle "De Belio Gallico," a Cassarian quotation peculnarly apt, as the writer causalde of Berlin. He her home just outside of Berlin. He inquired whether she would pass the summer at her habitual retreat in growth and the sense of the younger readsummer at her habitual retreat in growth and the sense of this department of The Sun would with interest steep their spirits in a detailed comparison of Mme. Patti, and etailed comparison of Mme. Patti, with the reigning "queens of song," The score is dedicated to Commandante de Pampilionne and will be produced for the first I must with the reigning "queens of song," The writer can discern no great profit in such a comparison. If, for instance, and what will you sing?"

"And what will you sing?"

"A beautiful and yet somewhat rogulsh smile broke across her noble face as she said in half-whispered acroents:

"Violetta."

Praise for Secti and Farrar.

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Doubtless some of the younger readsuction peculinarily apt, as the symphony was composed in the midst of the most terrible of Gallie wars. The score is dedicated to Commandante de Pampilionne and will be produced for the nicker of this season in The score is dedicated to Commandante de Pampilionne and will be produced for the midst of the most terrible of Gallie wars. The score is dedicated to Commandante de Pampilionne and will be produced for the midst of the most terrible of Gallie wars. The score is dedicated to Commandante de Pampilionne and will be produced for the righting "queens of song," The New York concerts will include as usual, eight Thursday afternoons in the New York debut in the Strand Theatre on Sunday, when she will aim the Academy of Music, Brooklyn, six Saturday afternoons concerts for young the propriate subtitle "De Belio Gallico." a Chalmers, Arthur Middleton, Reed Music Proches and I chall Robeson, Calli Robeson, Callier, Closer In Max Rosen, Lila Robeson, Music of the work Variance of Callier of Gallie wars. The score is dedicated to Commandant

rientos to present her claims, and to them the writer would be forced to bring the still greater shock of his conviction that Mabel Garrison is a better store the the Spanish

"Sempre libera," which are the com-penent parts of the brilliant finale of phrase Kipling and declare that Patti the first act, "Dite alia Giovine" in was Patti and when you have said Ponselle, Sascha Jacobsen, Lucy Gates, was Patti and when you have said Ponselle, Sascha Jacobsen, Lucy was Patti and when you have said Henri Casadesis, Alfred Cortot, was Patti and when you have said that you have but come to the beginnings of knowledge. It is more cha Elman, Mischa Levitzki, Benno Moisencouraging for us to contemplate the selwitsch, Percy Grainger, Ossip Gabrilfuture and to cherish the hope that the ardent pursuit of high vocal ideals

may once more become general. No one wishes to hear a violin badly played, with a rough quality of tone, a scratchy bow, false intonation and a slovenly style, even though it be true (which is disputable) that the violin

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nounced as "American propaganda."
The affists engaged for it are all Americans, and they will demonstrate that it is unnecessary to go abroad in search Walter Damrosch will begin rehearsals soon for the coming season of the New York Symphony Orchestra and the opening concert in Carnegie Hall on Thursday afternoon, November 6. Among Nevada Van Der Veer, Marcella Craft, interesting novelties already another interesting novelties already another than Third Special Craft, Interesting novelties already another than Third Special Craf

better singer than the Spaniard.

No, the method of criticism by comparison, even at its best, is unsatisfactory. All one can do is to paraphrase Kipling and declare that Patti was Patti and when You are a second of the solost for the opening concerts for children in The soloist for the opening concerts will be Albert Spalding, who will play the Mendelssohn E minor violin concerts. Other soloists already announced are Jascha Heifetz, Pablo Casals, Serbatti and when You are Jascha Heifetz, Pablo Casals, Serbatti and when You are larger than the barytone, late of the La Scala Opera, Milan, will sing an aria from "Chimes of Normandy" and a Nearoltan street song. Ralph Height play solos on the pipe organ. "The Call of the Maytime" (Brahm) Carlo Ferretti, the barytone, late of th

Cora Tracy in the title role.

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